Petitioner

. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requests a variance from Sections 1801.2.C.2.a and 504 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and from Section V.B.5.a and b of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit 10 ft. window and building to tract boundary setbacks in lieu of the required 35 and 30 ft., respectively, as more particularly described on the site plan submitted and marked Petitizger's Exhibit No. 1.

The Petitioner, Joseph M. Ruscito, Sr., appeared and testified. Also appearing on behalf of the Petitioner were Joseph W. Fiscito, Jr., Petitioner's son, and Frank Lee, the surveyor who prepared the plat to accompany the Petition. Appearing in opposition was the Petitioner's next door neighbor, Richard Radecke of 1418.5 Spring Avenue.

Testimony at the hearing indicated that the surject property, known as 1418 Spring Avenue, consists of a gross area of 1.154 acres zoned D.R. 5.5. The Petitioner has subdivided this property into three lots as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Lot 1 is improved with a dwelling; Lot 2, immediately to the rear of Lot 1, is served by a parhabile driveway which traverses the east side of the property; and Lot 1, which adjoins Lot 2, is located to the rear of the property and is also served by a panhandle driveway which runs along the easternmost boundary if the entire parcel. It is Lot 3 where the Petitioner seeks his variance. Specifically, the

Petitioner proposes to construct a dwelling on Lot 3 which will face easterly toward the driveway. Although, construction of the proposed dwelling meets all other area setback requirements, the configuration of the lot and situation of the house thereon requires a variance from the B.C.Z.R. and C.M.D.P. relating to window and building to boundary setbacks.

Messrs. Ruscito and Lee testified that the unusual configuration of the lot mandated the need for such a variance and that same would not adversely affect the surrounding locale.

As indicated above, the immediate next door neighbor, Mr. Radecke, appeared in opposition to the Petitioned variance. He presented numerous exhibits setting forth in detail his reasons for opposition. As is apparent from these exhibits, there is contention between these neighbors. Further, it is apparent that the main source of this aggravation arises from water runoff allegedly coming from the Ruscito property. That is, Mr. Radecke claims that due either to a combination of storm water runoff and/or Mr. Ruscito's sump pump, his land is continually flooded. There has also been civil litigation between the neighbors over this issue.

It must be noted that the scope of my inquiry is limited to the variance before me. I have neither the inclination, nor the authority to interpret the proprietary rights of these parties. My decision relates only to the building and window setbacks from the property line referenced in the above sections of the B.C.Z.R. and C.M.D.P. Further, it should be noted that the property has sufficient density to enable Mr. Ruscito to develop his property in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his

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McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial detriment to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the variance was not granted. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variances requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore

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ance from Sections 1B01.2.C.2.a and 504 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and from Section V.B.5.a and b of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit 10 ft. window and building to tract boundary setbacks in lieu of the required 35 and 30 ft., respectively, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1. The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2. Any construction on the subject site must be architecturally compatible with the predominant character of the neighborhood.

3. Prior to the issuance of any permits, Petitioner shall submit all building and/or architectural plans for approval by the Deputy Director of the Office of Planning and Zoning, as set forth in his Zoning Advisory Committee comments dated September 24, 1991.

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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December 2, 1991

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Mr. Joseph M. Ruscito, Sr. 1418 Spring Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21237

> RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case No. 92-32-A

Dear Mr. Ruscito:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

> Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

LES:mmn

cc: Mr. Richard Radecke

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR VARIANCE JOSEPH M. RUSCITO

* BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 92-32-A

MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO GRANTING OF PETITION

Joseph M. Ruscito (Petitioner), resident of 1418 Spring Ave., a home in the Rosedale residential community, has petitioned for an area variance to allow development of land Mr. Ruscito sub-divided. In order to accomplish such a use the Petitioner must circumvent the mandated residence setbacks.

Joseph M. Ruscito and Zana Ruscito purchased the property, reference liber 4929 folio 722. On May 17, 1970 (liber 5118/510), Joseph M. Ruscito and Zana Ruscite sub-divided the parcel now known as 1418.5 Spring Ave. Joseph M. Ruscito has owned the property known as 1418 Spring Ave., parcel 154 since 11-21-74 Liber 5492, folio 380. On 9/21/90, Mr. Ruscito sub-divided parcel 154 into three parcels and transferred two (2) parcels to Joseph M. Ruscito and Nancy Ruscito reference liber 8600 folio 0536 parcel 1157 and liber 8600 folio 0539 parcel 1158. Mr. Ruscito is requesting parcels 1157 and 1158 be allowed the area variance circumventing setbacks. Mr. Ruscito is not and was not the sole owner of these properties at the time he filed his variance request.

The Baltimore County Soil Survey maps the land as Loamy and Clayey. This fact was verified by a Drainage Study [3] Mr. Radecke had performed in May

** NOTE: [] refer to footnotes at end.

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study was performed on 1418.5 Spring Ave. The parcel Mr. Ruscito sub-divided in 1970. This type of soil presents numerous problems for development and maintenance.

The Orainage study found high water table and a permeability problem (drainage). When this situation exists the owner is responsible for a ground water investigation [1] and providing for the proper disposal of the ground water [2]. Has Mr. Ruscito performed a ground water study on the subject parcels?

1991. Mr. Ruscito has been given a copy of this drainage study. The drainage

It is significant to note that parcels 1157 and 1158 must drain onto neighboring properties "downstream". Since these are panhandle parcels they have no drainage access to a storm drain or approved waterway. [Exhibit 5] Code sec. 22-88 Orainage requires drainage facilities adequate to accommodate additional runoff generated by proposed development. Sec. 22-99 Slope Protection and Soils is applicable because of the slope and severe and moderate limitations to development.

Again referring to The Baltimore County Soil Survey p117 "Use of soils for town and country planning":

> "Soils are an important consideration in the preparation of plans for towns and other subdivisions of government. Planners must take into account the location and extent of soils that have high water tables, impermeable layers, unstable material * * * or are subject to flooding. Public health officers need to know how soils affect the plans they make and the permits they approve. Information in this section can be an effective tool in making land-use decisions. selecting sites for particular uses, and for site development after selection * * * as the severity of a soil limitation increases so does the cost of overcoming or modifying it. Annual maintenance costs of facilities on soils having limitations generally increase as the severity of the limitation increases.

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Reference p121 of the Soil Survey, Table 7 Limitation of soils for town and country planning.

> Loamy and clayey land: Homesites with/and without basements: Severe: sub-soil shrinkage and instability.

> "Severe means soil properties so unfavorable and so difficult to correct or overcome as to require major soil reclamation, special designs, or intensive maintenance."

Reference p45 of the Soil survey "Loamy and Clayey Land" in part: "* * * Because of the instability the clay, particularly under pressure or load, can squeeze out from below building foundations, allowing footings or basements to crack and settle, and in extreme cases buildings have been severely damaged. Banks and fills of this material have collapsed, resulting in severe damage to property and injury and even death to people."

Table 1201 of BOCA shows the "Presumptive Surface Bearing Values of Foundation Materials". Hard dry clay can carry 4 tons per square foot. While soft clay is only presumed to be able to carry 1.5 tons per square foot.

In addition parcels 1157 and 1158 lie within 300° of Red House Run Creek. [Exhibit 5] The "Forest Buffer" Bill [4] addresses properties whose characterstics include highly erodible soils, steep slopes and boundries within 500' of a state waterway. The soil erodibility "k" value of the loany clayey soil ranges from .28 to .37 per the Baltimore County Soil Conservation District. These values are greater than .24 "k" value cited in code sec. 38-38(c)(1)b of the Buffer bill. This type of soil condition is referred to as a "critical area". [5] Steep slopes increase runoff velocity as does development from roofs, etc. [5]

To further point out my concern for safety and welfare of my adjacent property, I refer to Mr. Ruscito's own testimony on Sep. 5, 1990 in the Circuit Court of Baltimore County [Exhibit 2]. He stated that we have a

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drainage problem caused by the property behind him and to the east of his property. I refer your attention to Mr. Ruscito's plat plan for his subdivision. The drainage problems are one to Mr. Ruscito's own properties (parcel 1157 and 1158) and properties further upstream. [Exhibit 5] Mr. Radecke has had a drainage problem, in Mr. Russite's own words, due to upstream properties. However, Mr. Russits objects to channeling of runoff and trapping of sedimentation emanating from the property. It appears to me that Mr. Ruscito does not recognize the need for controlling runoff thru the use of swales, fill slopes and cut slopes to present segmentation and erosion. This is a recommended procedure. [5] The property at 1420 Spring Ave. also has severe water problems [Exhibit 3] as well as Tr. Puscito [Exhibit 4].

Mr. Ruscito claims riparian rights to the letter or order of water, while civil law qualifies riparian highto based on the operafic circumstances. [5] A differentation is made between gently flowing water and torrents of water causing erosion and damage. Civil law also artules for the protection of one's own property from damage

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Tribute and a di Further there are numerous citations where hardship and practical difficulty are not just cause for granting a variance when circumstances have been themselves caused or created by owner or his predecessor in title. Remember Mr. Ruscito has created the sub-division for his own convenience. In addition profitability is also insufficient to justify granting a variance. The only apparent objective for Nr. Ruscito seems to be convenience, without substantial and urgent circumstances. [6] (Citations)

While it is true that variances have been granted to circumvent setbacks, the unique circumstances of the soil conditions, the location of the parcels relative to a state waterway, lack of access to public drainage and over development in the area further point out the convenience for the property

This particular area is zoned as DR 5.5. I contend that considering the circumstances, this high of a density factor is unwarranted. I would point out a situation very near to my residence. That is: 8014, 8016, and 8018 Sagamore Rd. While the slope is much steeper for these properties the soil is mapped as being loamy and clayey. It has a "K" value of at least .28. The county has spent enormous amounts of money to hold back the slope. In driving past 8016, I observed the foundation and brick wall having to be replaced. I cannot imagine the expense to these residents and taxpayers. To this day I wonder if the developer has shared the burden since he reaped the entire profit. This area also has a density factor of DR 5.5.

I recall the following: "The various purposes of zoning regulations, ... are: to secure the public safety; to promote health and the general welfare:...Such regulations shall be made with reasonable Page 5 Variance

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consideration. among other things, to the character of the District and its suitability for particular uses...and the most appropriate use of land throughout the jurisdiction, Art. 66B, Sec. 4.03."

"...the very essence of zoning is the territorial division of land into use districts according to the character of the land and buildings, the <u>suitability of land</u> and buildings for particular uses. and uniformity of use. (Citations omitted). " Schultz v. Pritts. 291 Md. 1, 20 (1981)

The Baltimore County Master Plan, Stormwater Runoff Policy, "It is the policy of Baltimore County to control the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff...

> Issue: Control of Stormwater. Uncontrolled stormwater runoff floods homes, roadways and private property; transports water pollutants, such as sediments, ... However, because the knowledge base about stormwater is relatively recent and rapidly evolving, these programs are only moderately effective and only address a portion of the stormwater problem. Stormwater management problems, by and large, have been caused by the lack of stormwater runoff facilities ... ".

> > Respectfully submitted.

1418.5 Spring Ave. Baltimore, ND 21237 (301) 686-3516

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1. Baltimore County Code, BOCA 1224.2 Ground water table investigation

2. Baltimore County Code, BOCA 1224.5.3 Drainage Disposal Baltimore County Plumbing and Gas Fitting Code Chapter 13 Storm Drains, 13.1.5 Subsoil Drains

b. "Sub-soil drains shall be piped to a storm drain, or to an approved water course or to the front street curb or gutter, or to the alley, or the discharge from the sub-soil drains shall be conveyed to the alley by a concrete gutter.

Where a continuous flowing spring or ground water is encountered, subsoil drains shall be piped to a storm drain or and approved water course."

3. Neubauer v. Overlea Realty Co, 142 Md. 87, 99, 120 A.69, 73

Floodplains

4. Forest Buffer bill 224-90 Article IV, The protection of Water Quality , Streams, Wetlands and

5. 1983 Maryland Standards and Specifications, for Soil Erosion and Sediment

6. Citations relating to hardship and practical difficulty, etc.

Zoning & Planning key 497.

Md. 1962. Generally to establish undue hardship in use variance case it is necessary to show that practical difficulties or undue hardship alleged are peculiar to particular property involved. Loyola Federal Sav. and Loan Ass'n v. Buschman, 176 A.2d 355, 227 Md 243.

Md. 1965. There is hardship which may be relieved by variance where property, due to unique circumstances cannot reaconably be adapted to use in conformity with zoning restrictions, but hardship must be caused solely through manner of operation of ordinance and variance cannot be granted if circumstances have been themselves caused or created by owner or his predecessor in title. Salisbury Bd. of Zoning Appeals v. Bounds, 214 A.2d 810, 240 Md. 547.

Md. 1958. Plight of owner of real property seeking exception to zoning ordinance must be due to unique circumstances and not to general conditions in neighborhood. Marino v. City of Baltimore, 137 A.2d 198, 215 Md. 206.

Md. 1964. Variance or special exception will not be granted on the basis of practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships if such are the result of the applicant's own action. Pen Const. Co. v City of Baltimore, 196 A.2d 879, 233 Md. 372.

Md. 1953. A need which will justify an exception to zoning ordinance must be substantial and urgent and not merely for the convenience of the applicant. Carney v. City of Baltimore, 93 A.2d 74, 201 Md. 130.

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Md. 1950. Mere fact that <u>variance would make property acre profitable</u> it has a sufficient ground to justify granting of variance from letback requirements of Baltimore Zoning Ordinance. Easte W. Mayor and City Council of Baltimers. DB 4.01 491. 198 mb.

Md. 1961. Zoning board has wide latitude of discretion in passing introspecial exceptions so long as resulting use is it harmon with general purpose and intent of zoning plan and will not adversely affect use of neighboring properties and general plan of neighborhood at artificati

by zoning ordinance. Crowther, Inc. v Johnson, 170 A.2d 768, 225 Ma. 379.

Md. 1973. Standard for granting of variance is whether strict compliance with zoning regulations would repult in practical sifficulty or unreasonable hardship.

- Malean V. Soley, 310 A.2c 783, 270 Md. 208. Ray 439 Grounds for grant or denial in general Library references

CCS Coming and Land Planning sec 239.

Exhibit #1 Drainage Study of 1418.5 Spring Ave. by Chesapeake Geotechnical Consultants, Inc.

Exhibit #2 Reporter's Official Transcript of Proceedings Case # 90CG1573 Circuit Court of Baltimore County

Sep. 5, 1990 Radecke v Ruscito Pages 20-23 Direct examination of Mr. Ruscito by Mr. Caldwell

Exhibit #3 Copy Tax Assessment Worksheet Charles Frush 1420 Spring Ave. Baltimore Md. 21237 Acct# 14-06-059180 NOTATION "Basement floods continuously"

Exhibit #4 Copy Tax Assessment Worksheet Joseph M. Ruscito 1418 Spring Ave. Baltimore, MD 21237 Notation "addl 5% for basement", problem?

Exhibit #5, Topography Map, Red House Run, Unimproved & Improved, Floodplain

Statement in Opposition to Petition, Richard E. Radecke Joseph M. Ruscito Case # 92-32-A

Good Morning

I have a statement with only limited facts and data I would like to read and request my Memorandum in Opposition to the Variance petition be placed in the record.

Richard E. Radecke 1418.5 Spring Ave. Baltimore Md 21237

My property is adjacent to Mr. Ruscito's Property

I have lived there since May 1971. My property was subdivided by Mr. Ruscito in 1970.

Ever since that time I have experienced ground water disposal and storm water runoff problems. This is due mainly to the grading of both the Ruscito and Radecke properties.

To protect my property from erosion due to excessive runoff I installed what I call a fill slope to control the erosion. Since 1987, Mr. Ruscito has allowed sedimentation, silt, and and debris to be transported by runoff onto my property. My fill slope has acted as a partial trap for some of the sediment. While government agencies find no violation, civil and common law allow me to protect my property from damage.

Early this year I read the Baltimore County Soil Survey and found my land has been mapped as loamy and clayey. This soil type has a very high soil erodibility "k" value in addition to steep slopes. This condition was confirmed by a drainage study I had performed in May 1991, which also proved the existence of high ground water table between our properties.

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When a ground water problem exists, BOCA the Baltimore County Building Code requires the owner to do a ground water investigation and provide for proper disposal. I request this board to require **. Questite to comply with this section of the code.

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problem from the properties behind him and his neighbors. Take note that the property he speaks of he owns. His neighbors include the Baltimore County Board of Education which holds title to a significant land area beyond his property...

Mr. Ruscito objects to attempting to control runoff. What does he intend to do with the greatly increased runoff since we already have a problem? I see no provision on his plat plan. There are no utility easements for storm drains.

I respectfully remind the board that a variance can only be granted when it will not adversely affect neighboring properties. Certainly the current problem coupled with planned development will be detrimental.

The lack of access to storm drains or a public waterway is due solely to Mr. Ruscito's self created hardship. The only practical difficulty is trying to over develop property that the Soil survey shows to be problematic and dangerous. Keep in mind the soil survey was published in 1970. This was probably after planners and zoning officials allowed the density factor for this specific area to be 5.5. The survey cautions planners to consider high water tables, unstable material, flooding and adequate drainage.

The Hillbrooke Camelot development very near my property has experienced a very severe problem. The properties 8014, 8016 and 8018 Sagamore Rd. have the

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same loamy clayey soil on steep slope and tightly developed. The county has spent an enormous amount of money to keep these houses from sliding off the slope. I observed the foundation and brick wall of 8016 being replaced. I can't imagine the expense to the owners and taxpayers of this county because of bad planning and zoning. Did the developer share in the expense?

In Schultz v Pritts it was pointed out that some of the purposes of zoning regulations are to secure the public safety and general welfare with consideration given to land for its suitability for particular uses. I have great concern relating to the proposed development when I think about the Baltimore County Soil Survey's description of Loamy Clayey soil: Mr. Ruscito testified to an existing problem which he desires to aggravate. I believe the evidence I have presented defines a very difficult and dangerous situation.

The Baltimore County Master Plan, Stormwater Runoff Policy, states "It is the policy of Baltimore County to control the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff..."

I hope the board will evaluate the evidence I have presented. I understand the constitutional rights of property ownership. I also understand the dependence property owners place on zoning. However, the regulations are not cast in concrete. The blind density factor of 5.5 did not consider the sensitivity of the soil conditions. There was no need to at the time. The purpose was to generalize so society could progress.

Over time our knowledge of runoff, pollution and danger to our environment Statement Page 14

have slowly evolved. The board has the power to act for the public good and neighboring properties affected by these specific circumstances.

Let me restate my concern.

- 1. We have an existing storm runoff problem.
- 2. Development and the slope will greatly increase the velocity of the
- 3. The soil is highly erodible.
- 4. There are no storm drains. The parcels are blind except for neighboring properties.

Thank you for your patience.

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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County 92-32-4 The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby patition for a

Variance from Section 1361.2.6.2.2. (V.B 5.2) cm 0 5) and 507 (V 3 5 6, 6 m 0 F) to permit a 10 window and sinder to truck boundary Schback in hew of 35 and 30 respective.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County: for the VE 3F following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

To be determined at hearing : ; ____ · <u>: 3.23</u>-5 47

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Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County.

	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Polition.
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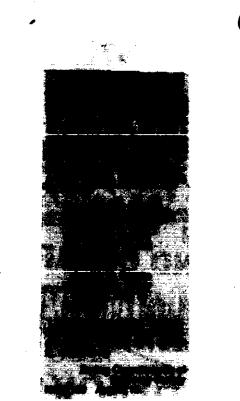
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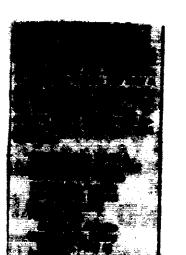
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Case Number: 92-32-A ME/S Spring Avenue, 815' WW of c/l Karl Avenue 1418 Spring Avenue 14th Election District - 6th Councilments Petitioner(s): Joseph H. Ruscito HEARING: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1991 at 10:30 a.m.

Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ 86.91 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned

THIS FRE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZORING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE CHICAR

SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. Bring the check and the sign & post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chasspeake Avenue, Room 113, Townon, Namyland fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

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ADGUST 2, 1991

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Begulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Boom 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chasapaska Avenue in Touson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

Case Number: 92-32-1 ME/S Spring Avenue, 815' HW of c/l Karl Avenue 1418 Spring Avenue 14th Election District - 6th Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Joseph M. Ruscito HEARING: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1991 at 10:30 a.m.

Variance to permit a 10 ft. window and building to tract boundary setback in lieu of 35 ft. and 30 ft.,

J. Robert Hading

Baltimore County

cc: Joseph M. Ruscito

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3353

Mr. Joseph M. Ruscito 1418 Spring Avenue Baltimore, MD 21237

> RE: Item No. 23, Case No. 92-32-A Petitioner: Joseph M. Ruscito Petition for Variance

September 12, 1991

Dear Mr. Ruscito:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Frank S. Lee 1277 Neighbors Avenue Baltimore, MD 21237

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning 1111 West Chesapeake Avenue

> Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 31st day of July, 1991.

> > DIRECTOR

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Petitioner: Joseph M. Ruscito Petitioner's Attorney:

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: September 11, 1991

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJ: Joseph M. Ruscito, Item No. 23

In reference to the petitioner's request, staff offers the following comments:

Based upon a review of the applicant's proposal, this office recommends the owner or his or her representative meet with this office to develop a more suitable alternative. In the absence of a meeting between the applicant and staff, the Office of Planning and Zoning recommends the request be denied.

If there should be any further questions, or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE August 15, 1991 ZONING COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT ZONING

FROM: RICHARD F. SEIM, PLANS REVIEW CHIEF,
DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS & LICENSES

ZONING ITEM #: 23 PROPERTY OWNER: Joseph M. Ruscito

LOCATION: NE/S Spring Avenue, 515' NW of centerline Karl Avenue (#1418 Spring Avenue) ELECTION DISTRICT: 14th COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: 6th

A REVIEW OF THE SITE PLAN FOR THE ABOVE ZONING ITEM INDICATES THE FOLLOWING:

- () PROPOSED SITE PLAN DOES, DOES NOT, COMPLY TO STATE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATION 05.02.02, MARYLAND BUILDING CODE FOR THE HANDICAPPED.
- () PARKING LOCATION () NUMBER PARKING SPACES () BUILDING ACCESS
- () RAMPS (degree slope) () CURB CUTS () SIGNAGE
- () PLAN DOES, DOES NOT COMPLY TO SET BACKS FOR EXTERIOR FIRE SEPARATION DISTANCE OF ARTICLE 5 AND ARTICLE 9 OF THE CURRENT BALTIMORE COUNTY BUILDING CODE. A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN.
- REQUIRED. () A CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO CHANGE THE EXISTING USE OF THE STRUCTURE TO THE PROPOSED USE. SEE ARTICLE THREE AND ARTICLE ONE, SECTION 103.2 ALTERATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY BY CODE

SECTION 111.1 OF ARTICLE 1. CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS MAY BE

() STRUCTURE IS SUBJECT TO FLOOD PLAIN LIMITATIONS, SECTION 517.0 COUNCIL BILL #192-90 (BALTIMORE COUNTY BUILDING CODE).

TO COMPLY TO NEW USE REQUIREMENTS.

() OTHER -

PERMITS MAY BE APPLIED FOR @ ROOM 100, 111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 - PHONE - 887-3900.

THIS REVIEW COVERS ONLY MAJOR ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE PLAN, A FULL REVIEW MAY BE CONDUCTED WHEN THE PERMIT APPLICATION AND PLANS ARE

APPLICABLE CODE: 1990 NATIONAL BUILDING CODES AS ADOPTED BY COUNTY COUNCIL BILL #192-90 EFFECTIVE 1/13/91

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: August 1, 1991 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for July 30, 1991

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject coning items and we have no comments for Items 505, 3, 7, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 30 and 31.

For Item 20, the extension of public water, sewer and paving may be required, prior to issuance of a building permit for this lot.

For Item 26, the previous County Review Group comments are still applicable.

> ROBERT W. BOWLING, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Division

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Date: August 30, 1991

TO: Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Rahee J. Famili

SUBJECT: Z. A. C. Comments Z. A. C. MEETING DATE: July 30, 1991

This office has no comments for item numbers 505, 3, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30 and 31.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: September 11, 1991

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

92-32-A

SUBJ: Joseph M. Ruscito, Item No. 23

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: September 24, 1991 Zoning Administration and Development Management

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

92-32-A 8/27/91

SUBJECT: Joseph M. Ruscito, Item No. 23 Revised Comment

In reference to the petitioner's request, staff offers the following comments.

Staff has been in contact with Mr. Ruscito to address the concerns outlined in our September 11, 1991 comments. As a result of our discussion, this office supports the applicant's request provided that any construction be architecturally compatible with the predominant character of the neighborhood. Prior to the issuance of any permits, building plans should be approved by the deputy director of the office of Planning and Zoning.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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Richard E. Radecke 1418.5 Spring Ave. Baltimore, MD 21237 Jun 1663-92

1-301-686-3516

October 3, 1991

Arnold Jablon Dir. of Zoning Admin. & Development Mgt. Rm. 109 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Md. 21204

Dear Mr. Jablon:

Request a copy of Variance hearing tape for the following case:

Case # Sep. 27, 1991 Ruscito

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Variance

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W. W. Liller

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence

DATE: Nov. 18, 1991 John Reisinger Building Engineer Department of Permits & Licenses

David Green Zoning Administration & Development Management

hearing, Case No. 92-32A, on September 28, 1991.

SUBJECT: 1418A Spring Avenue

On October 28, 1991, this office approved the above references building permit in error.

a variance for the above referenced address. Since no order has been

A variance was requested for this property in a public

As of this date, no order has been written granting or denying written, this office is rescinding its approval of Building Permit #B-110388.

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Baltimore County Government Department of Permits and Licenses



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

November 19, 1991

Mr. Joe Ruscito 1418 Spring Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21237

> Re: B-110388 1418 A Spring Avenue

Based on information received from the Office of Zoning, Permit #B110388 is hereby suspended. All work being done under this permit must cease until the problems are resolved and the permit can be reinstated. Please contact Mr. Dave Green for details at 887-3391.

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Dave Green correspondence building inspection

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√°Exhibit #2 Memorandum in Opposition to Petition, Richard E. Radecke Memorandum in Opposition to Petition, Richard E. Radecke Joseph M. Ruscito Case # 92-32-A. Petitioner Joseph M. Ruscito Case # 92-32-A, Petitioner Drainage Study Memorandum in Opposition to Petition, Richard E. Radecke Reporter's Official Transcript of Proceedings of 1418.5 Spring Ave. by Chesapeake Geotechnical Consultants, Inc. Joseph M. Ruscito Case # 92-32-A, Petitioner Circuit Court of Baltimore County Sep. 5, 1990 Copy Tax Assessment Worksheet Radecke v Ruscito Charles Frush Pages 1, 20-23, 39 Direct examination of Mr. Ruscito by Mr. Caldwell 1420 Spring Ave. Baltimore Md. 21237 Acct# 14-06-059180 NOTATION "Basement floods continuously" STATE STAMP CONSIDERATION CAPITALIZED S.R. CHECKED BY STATE STAMP CONSIDERATION CAPITALIZED G.R. CHECKED BY CONSIDERATION CAPITALIZED G.R. CHECKED BY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND FRUSH CHARLES E/DOLORES A 1420 SPRING AV BALTIMORE MD 21237 RICHARD RADECKE Case No. 90CG1573 JOSEPH RUSCITO TOTE LLT NES SPRING AV 1320 FT W OF PHILA RD FULL VALUE SUMMARYGROUP-3 1591-92FCV 1982-83 FCV TEAR 1991-92 PUR TEAR Orainage Study 6,475 14,380 27600 27600 25740 47150 REPORTER'S OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS 35,950 79,880 97640 95500 114650 127970 **Buildings** (other) 2418% SPRING AVENUE RESIDENCE 42,425 94,260 125240 123100 140350 175/20 TOTAL Assessed By 49mm ygar 87 Rosedale Area Date Towson, Maryland 05 25 81 8-6-84 8-25-87 10/19/90 Baltimore County, Maryland September 5, 1990 SEC 07 1981 DEC 0 4 1984 DEC 0 8 1997 Date of Notice New Owner Notice Protested Date of Hearing Final Notice BEFORE: Higher Appeal Prepared For 26566 46482 49182 Value Changed THE HONORABLE JOHN F. Fader, II, ASSOCIATE JUDGE 36 AC KEY PUNCHED Posted By MR. AND MRE, RICHARD E. RADECKE lynasa Acres/Lot Size 83538 4 1.9/77 APPEARANCES: Utilities Pub Private 255.00/221.00 x 373.50/330.000m Acres Rate Value Rate Value Rate Value Rate Value Effective Frontage 243 50' @ 300 15000 / 3/750 3/50 3/500 For the Plaintiff: Sewer Effective Depth J. Shawn ALCARESE, Esquire Depth Factor 1.12 I+±37 x 1.12 Electric Vacancy Allowance _-**-**For the Defendant: Lana Valuation Remarks GERARD V. CALDWELL, Esquire Reported by: Full Bam D. HEATING HESAPEAKE GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, INC. June D. Mackubin, Part Bamt Consulting Engineers & Geophysicists Official Court Reporter 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 6 Hot Woren Ma:. 1991 M-11 County Courts Building Towson, Maryland 21204 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Post or Pier Split Fayer Foor Pipeless S. OTHER CHARGES Semi-Dei. Finished Arec End Group Read pump June D. Mackubin, Official Court Reporter 12 PLOMBONG [8] 1 Alum Vinyli SH Nock Stucco 3. ROOF STRUCTURE 3. FREPLACE 14. INTERVIEW O-10 CO Mansord 21. DIMENSION PAGE STY PER SQ. FT. RATE BASE VALUE V Exhibit #4 Memorandum in Opposition to Petition, Richard E. Radecks 8333 36 x 62 4-5 1 Joseph M. Ruscito Case # 92-32-A, Petitioner 19. ACCESSORY STRUCTURES 3 x 20 4-5 1 Asphalt Sh. Wood Shingle Copy Tax Assessment Worksheet ASSESSED TO THE BOIL 19X37X4523 00 X501. 4998

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